COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Sir, as per the information provided by Cellular Operators Association of India, Cellular Operators in India have established Roaming Links with the various International Cellular Mobile Telephone Operators, to facilitate their subscribers with seamless roaming services. These agreements are set up as per GSM (Global System for Mobile Communications) roaming agreements.

(b) It is presumed that, 'mobile phone chasis' refers to the IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identification) number of a mobile handset. These numbers are allotted by the handset manufacturers themselves. Cellular Mobile Telephone Operators are providing services within their scope of licence and are not violating any copyright law while providing International Roaming Services.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras in Andhra Pradesh

3801. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Gram Panchayats presently availing the facility of Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras (PSSKs) in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) whether any target for setting up of new PSSKs has been fixed for the State for 2001-2002; and

(c) if so, the status of the target, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) 150 Gram Panchayats are presently availing the facility of Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras (PSSKs) in Andhra Pradesh. District-wise details are given in the Statement enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) A target of opening of 30 Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras was fixed for the State for 2001-2002.

(c) The target has been fully achieved.

Statement

District-wise details of Gram Panchayats presently availing the facility of Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras in Andhra Pradesh

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of PSSKs
1	Anantpur	7
2	Cuddapah	6
3	East Godavari	13
4	Visakhapatnam	7
5	Adilabad	4
6	Mahabubnagar	2
7	Nalgonda	5
8	Warangal	7
9	Rangareddy	24
10	Guntur	8
11	Nellore	4
12	West Godavari	8
13	Chittoor	10
14	Kurnool	7
15	Srikakulam	4
16	Vizianagaram	7
17	Karimnagar	7
18	Medak	4
19	Nizamabad	2
20	Hyderabad	Nil
21	Krishna	8
22	Khammam	3
23	Prakasham	3
	TOTAL:	**150**